

THE TOWNS AROUND.

GREENSBORO.

There will be a union Christmas tree at the Congregational church with appropriate exercises Tuesday evening, Dec. 24.

Between 30 and 40 young people gathered at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. James Young, Friday evening, and of course they enjoyed every minute of the time.

Ira Magoon is skidding logs for E. O. Randall on his timber lot and will haul them to Browns' mill to be sawed.

Mrs. J. J. Lindsay went to Burlington last week to have one of her eyes treated for a cataract, which has been growing for some time. Miss Helen Barclay accompanied her.

Byron Smith has been engaged to work for Mrs. M. J. Simpson.

Your correspondent has on his desk a bouquet of pansies picked in the garden by Miss Lona Jordan, Saturday, Dec. 14.

Part of our citizens living near the Hardwick line will soon have an opportunity to test the virtues of rural free delivery of mail as we understand two routes have been established and carriers engaged to deliver mail from Hardwick and East Hardwick post offices, which will take in portions of this town.

The thaw of last week was welcomed by everybody.

N. B. Payne is having his tenement house in the village thoroughly repaired. The rooms will be heated with stoves and the woodwork newly painted and side walls papered.

F. N. Michaud was in St. Johnsbury on business the first of the week.

The Caspian Lake creamery made 8,090 pounds of butter in November at an expense of \$251.08 and the patrons received 21 cents per pound.

H. Besau will soon move to New Hampshire, where he will take charge of a lumber job.

Wright Lowell is moving into F. N. Michaud's house.

Edward Sewall is in very poor health this winter.

What Shall We Have for Dessert?

This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it today. Try jelly, O, a delicious and beautiful dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No boiling! no baking! add boiling water and set to cool. Flavors—Lemon, orange, raspberry and strawberry. At your grocers, 10 cents.

RYEGATE.

Blue Mountain Grange has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Master, I. H. Giblin; Overseer, Nelson Cochran; Lecturer, Mrs. Lillian Thompson; Steward, H. W. Henderson; Asst. Steward, C. E. Nelson; Chaplain, George Cochran; Treas., C. F. Smith; Sec., Miss Jennie Meador; Gate Keeper, Fred Burdman; Pomona, Mrs. H. W. Henderson; Flora, Mrs. C. J. Nelson; Ceres, Mrs. Evelyn Miller; Lady Asst., Miss Ida Buchanan; Executive Com., T. A. Meador, Mrs. C. F. Smith, Mrs. George Cochran, Organist, Mrs. George Cochran; Reporter, Miss Lillian Thompson.

Harmon Miller, who is attending county court, was at home over Sunday.

Miss Jessie Davidson visited at J. R. Hunter's the first of the week.

Jack Carpenter of Groton was in town Friday in the interest of S. L. Griffith's lumber business.

Road commissioner William Thompson is busy repairing damages done by the recent heavy rains.

Mrs. H. A. Nelson gave a dinner party to a number of friends and relatives, Friday.

Miss Rose Morrison visited at W. H. Nelson's the past week.

Miss Mabel Hunter, who teaches at Haverhill, Mass., is home for the holidays.

William Davidson, Miss Jessie Davidson, Miss Gyle, Mrs. J. A. McLam, Mrs. Jennie Taylor and Miss Charlotte McLam, attended the C. E. Convention and Food Fair at St. Johnsbury last week.

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Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children.

Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, Cure Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels, Destroy Worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. They never fail. At all druggists 25c. Sample Free. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

HARDWICK.

A Notable Event.

Mrs. Louisa (Doe) Benson, of Hardwick, reached her one hundredth birthday anniversary Monday, December 9. Her relatives and friends assisted in celebrating the event at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alonzo Crandall, with whom she has made her home since the death of her husband. Mrs. Benson was born in Rumney, N. H., Dec. 9, 1801. She was one of seven sisters and three brothers, all of whom lived to old age except one brother. She attended the common schools and knitted socks for the soldiers of the War of 1812 when only eleven years old. She united with the Baptist church about 1824, and has always been a member of that society.

She was married to Linton Benson October 2, 1826. Mrs. Benson is the mother of two children, Horace, H. and Mary D. Benson. Her husband died in 1876. Her son, Horace, has lived in Oakland, Cal., for twenty-seven years, but has now come to the old home to visit his mother.

Mrs. Benson is well preserved and is active, uses no glasses, knits a good deal and assists about the household.

Jell-O, The New Dessert. pleases all the family. Four flavors: Lemon, orange, raspberry and strawberry. At your grocers, 10 cts. Try it.

WEST WATERFORD.

Merton Lyster's schoolmates and teacher, with other friends, gave him a surprise party Friday evening. The time was pleasantly passed with music and games. Cake and coffee were served.

A movement is on foot to increase the salaries of the board of congress from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per annum, the change to take effect with the next congress.

LYNDENBURG.

Edward Shepherson, the butter maker at the creamery, was quite seriously injured by the machinery, Saturday morning. His arm and shoulder are quite painful.

The remains of Mrs. Levi Howe, mother of Mrs. Damon Snow and Mrs. Eugene Hartshorn, were brought here from West Concord for burial in the village cemetery, Sunday.

P. A. Turner was at home over Sunday.

Christmas exercises will be held by the Methodist society and the Sunday school is rehearsing for that occasion.

Miss Susie Dodge has been quite sick the past week, and not able to attend her school at Littleton.

The next meeting of the Literary Society will be held with Mr. Peabody.

The snow has vanished like a dream and lumbermen are blue.

Large quantities of new goods are being received at M. D. Bowker's store. Their Christmas display is larger than ever before.

Mrs. James Smith is slowly recovering from her recent illness.

Arthur White was at home over Sunday.

The funeral of Lyman Bell, who died at Scotts last week Monday, was held at his late home on the following Wednesday, the remains being brought here for burial.

Mrs. Sherman Balch is holding a sale of sample goods at her millinery rooms for two weeks.

SOUTH RYEGATE.

The local correspondent of the Montpelier Argus has a most encouraging word for Mr. Gibson: "It was thought by a good many of our townspeople when they were called out on Monday evening, Dec. 2, to see the big stone sheds and the machinery and dwelling house and office all go up in flames, that that was the last of M. H. Gibson's granite business, and that the day which was due in three days would not amount to anything, but time has proved this to be untrue as Mr. Gibson paid his men promptly on the 5th and has already erected a new shed at the village and has men cutting stone at three different places and we still have reason to say Martin is a hustler, has more courage than any man in town and we may expect to see business done at Carter's Island in the spring on a larger scale than ever. Hurrah for Martin."

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WHEELLOCK.

The next regular meeting of the I. O. G. T. will be held this Wednesday evening. Every member is requested to be present.

As H. B. Welch and wife are about to leave town they in many friends gave them a reception Friday evening, and as a token of their respect and appreciation of Mrs. Welch's services as organist at the church, they presented them with a nice chair and other useful articles.

Remember the Grange meeting Saturday.

The ladies will have a sociable Saturday evening at the parsonage. Warm sugar, plain doughnuts and pickles will be served.

WEST WATERFORD.

At the annual meeting of Pleasant Valley Grange last Friday evening these officers were elected: Master, M. B. Carpenter; Overseer, B. R. Smith; Lecturer, E. P. Carpenter; Steward, F. A. Cutting; Asst. Steward, E. H. Miles; Secretary, Mrs. M. B. Carpenter; Treas., B. R. Smith; Gate Keeper, J. E. Curtis; Pomona, Mrs. C. E. Cushman; Ceres, Mrs. M. E. Ladd; Flora, Mrs. B. R. Smith; Lady Asst. Steward, Mrs. E. H. Miles.

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LYNDONVILLE.

The village school closed Friday for a two weeks' vacation. The pupils presented their teacher, Miss Lilla D. Carpenter, a silver meat fork and a very pretty paper knife. Miss Carpenter will teach the winter term.

Mrs. L. J. Campbell of Sutton has been visiting her son, E. M. Campbell.

A large number from this place attended the lecture by Dr. Clark at St. Johnsbury last Wednesday evening. All express themselves well paid for their journey.

Mrs. E. M. Campbell and son William are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ira Watson at Westbury.

Prof. Burgess preached at the Free Baptist church Sunday, on the subject "Law and Anarchy." It is to be regretted that on account of the inclement weather the audience was small.

The high water Saturday and Sunday washed out in several places the new sidewalk on Centre street.

Rev. Mr. Nowell of New York has been engaged to be pastor of the Free Baptist church. He will begin his labors the first Sunday in February.

MCINDOE FALLS.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Chamberlain were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Chamberlain several days last week.

A good many McIndoe citizens attended the food fair at St. Johnsbury last week.

Miss Lilla Ford spent a few days last week with Miss Freda Goodrich at St. Johnsbury.

Miss Lillian Bishop left Monday for an indefinite visit in New York city.

Miss Lena Smith of St. Johnsbury spent Sunday in town, the guest of Miss Winnie.

Mrs. H. O. Van Dyke and children are expected home Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Duncan has been visiting relatives in South Ryegate.

Miss Martha Gleason has joined her mother, Mrs. J. C. Gleason, in Northampton, Mass., where they will spend the winter.

LYNDON.

Miss Katherine Spencer of New Lebanon, N. Y., is at her brother-in-law's, Ben Lincoln.

Mrs. Lucy Lincoln and little daughter, Katherine, are visiting relatives at Springfield, Mass.

Mrs. L. C. Bonett went to Montpelier Thursday to spend the winter with her husband, who has employment there.

N. L. Thompson arrives home this week from the west to spend Christmas.

Miss Charlotte Chase, who has been teaching in St. Johnsbury, went Friday night to New York to spend her vacation.

Mrs. Elden Cole and two children from East Haven, are at Amos Cole's.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson of Peacham, have been visiting at Scott Farnum's.

Misses Hattie and Effie Colby arrived Saturday from East Orange, Mass., to spend their Christmas vacation with their mother.

Archie Leet spent a few days last week in Hartford, Conn.

Miss Mary Derby visited her friend, Miss Anna Thompson, last Monday.

Dan Lamear had his ankle quite badly hurt Friday at Warren, N. H., by a log rolling on his leg. He came here the same day and is stopping at John Nichols'.

Arnold Aldrich has broken up house-keeping and moved out of the tenement in the Trull house. Mr. Folsom of Wheelock will move in as soon as a few repairs can be made.

Ed. Colby moved last week from S. C. Trellens' house to Hadleyville.

The two vacant tenements in the Holm's house are to be occupied by Jack Line and Mr. Caswell.

The heavy wind of Saturday night showed its strength by tearing down the large sign of E. M. Sweet & Co. It is about twelve feet long and two and a half broad and was well stayed with iron braces. It had resisted the storms of several years.

Will Murphy and Lizze Johnson were married last Wednesday and have gone to Woodsville to spend a few days, after which they are to work at Ed. Simpson's at East Lyndon.

Clifton Cole has moved from Mrs. Lyon's house to Hadleyville.

Mrs. George Rudd has shown her kindly sympathy for Frank Waters and family since he had the misfortune to lose one eye, by collecting for them a quantity of clothing from those who were willing to spare it, also about \$10 in money, some of which she has judiciously spent for things most needed by the children.

Clarence Hubbard and Miss Nellie Mattocks were delegates from the local Christian Endeavor Society to the convention at St. Johnsbury Wednesday.

About 20 attended in the evening going in a large sleigh to Lyndonville. The banner held by this society for attendance at the convention was awarded to the society at St. Johnsbury Center.

Herman Bradley, executor of the will of Willard Randall, has sold a cedar swamp situated in Sutton for \$285, which was purchased by Job Randall, father of Willard, 82 years ago, and which has never been cut over and is, therefore, very valuable.

A letter recently received from the family of Rev. Leonard D. of Haverhill, Mass., reports Mr. Dodd as at home from the hospital where he has spent several months, but yet in a feeble and enervated condition. His disease was called nervous prostration and though slightly better than six months ago his prospects are not very encouraging.

Rev. Mr. Dodd is well known in this vicinity, having been pastor of the Methodist church here, at Lyndonville, Newbury and Barton and later of the Congregational church at Irasburg, and many friends in the state will be sorry to learn of his continued ill health. They will also be interested to learn of the marriage of his daughter, Miss Fannie, to David E. Foote of Haverhill, Mass.

LYNDONVILLE.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Marion Edgerton and Warren Kimball, which will take place in the Universalist church at eight o'clock, p. m., Jan. 1, 1902. Miss Edgerton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Edgerton.

Fred Winslow of Worcester, Mass., visited old friends in town last week.

A large number from here attended the Food Fair at St. Johnsbury last Wednesday, returning on the special train after the evening entertainment.

The Lyndonville Club will begin their tournament this week, meeting Wednesday and Saturday evenings. The captains are G. M. Campbell and A. D. Paige.

George Hickie has been suffering with the grip, but is again able to resume his duties at the store.

The drumming bell has been placed on the outside of the Lyndonville grammar school building.

Mrs. E. A. Gaudette is ill with rheumatism.

Alice Charron is sick with grip.

Mrs. W. B. Wilcox has been stopping in Barton Landing for a few days.

Bertha Carpenter of Granby is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. B. Chase, at the Union House.

Mrs. John Riley and daughter, Agnes, are visiting in St. Johnsbury.

Mrs. Carl Clark and son, Harry, have been visiting in Newport.

Miss Effie Evans has returned from Worcester, Mass., where she has been spending several weeks with her grandfather, Rev. J. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taplin of Barton Landing have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers.

Miss Sarah McCann is visiting relatives in Newport and Barton.

Dr. Roscoe A. Carter and Grace Mae Denmore, both of this place, were united in marriage last week Tuesday evening, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Denmore.

The bride was gown in white muslin and lace and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. G. McGladin in the presence of the immediate relatives of the bride and groom. Dr. and Mrs. Carter will reside at the home of his parents in Lyndon Center.

Mrs. Mary Ingals has gone south for the winter.

Miss May Bailey is visiting friends and relatives in Newport.

Miss Kelley, who has had dressmaking parlors in O. M. Badger's house, has been called to Newport on account of the serious illness of her mother.

A promenade was held in Good Temperance Hall Tuesday evening.

Mrs. David Addison and daughters are visiting at Newport.

Mrs. J. E. Dwinell of Glover is visiting at Dr. F. E. Dwinell's.

An oyster supper will be held in the basement of St. Elizabeth's church Tuesday evening, December 24. The admission will be fifteen cents.

Charles Denison has moved into his house on Main street, recently purchased of Mrs. S. S. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Libby attended the funeral of Mrs. Libby's mother, at Burke Hollow.

Mrs. George Davies is visiting at White River Junction.

Mrs. Harry Wakefield with her daughter, Helen, and sons, Bruce and Sherman, are visiting at North Danville.

Beginning with next Sunday the Epworth League will hold their meetings at six o'clock. The preaching service will begin at seven.

Rev. A. C. Fuller has moved to Bloomfield.

Mrs. L. C. Crafts visited at Newport last week.

Mrs. Rosa McKenny and son, Malcolm, of Somerville, Mass., are spending the holidays with Mrs. McKenny's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Howe.

Miss Bula Stoddard is working for Mrs. F. J. Willey.

Miss Blanche Campbell, Miss Bessie Squires and E. C. Frost are clerking at Dwinell's drug store during the holidays.

Jason Smith has moved into Mrs. F. J. Willey's tenement, vacated by Harry Wilder.

The Episcopal guild met with Mrs. A. C. Eastman Saturday afternoon for the holiday for this sale to be held Wednesday and Thursday of this week, in the middle store in Masonic block.

Mrs. Mary Prase has returned from Barton where she has been trimmer in a millinery store.

Arthur Quimby of Shewanagan Falls, P. Q., is visiting his father, Orville Quimby.

Mrs. E. A. Shorey is visiting her sister in Newport.

Laura Quimby, who has been stopping at J. S. Butler's has gone to Sherbrooke, where her father, A. E. Quimby, will soon go to housekeeping.

The regular meeting of Farnsworth Post will be held Friday evening. A banquet will be served to the members of the Post and W. R. C.

Mrs. Ada Sisby of West Burke is visiting relatives here.

George Hickie will sell out his hardware store, and is going to St. Johnsbury.

WEST CONCORD.

Death of Mrs. Howe.

Mrs. Levi Howe, who was taken sick Nov. 24, died Friday, Dec. 13, aged 81 years 4 months and 18 days. She was taken sick with the grip and though her friends hoped for her recovery she was not able to rally. Mrs. Howe's maiden name was Phoebe Pierce. She was born July 25, 1820, in Lunenburg and was married to Julius Smith of Lunenburg June 8, 1846. Two children were born to them and survive their mother. Mrs. Dymon Snow and Mrs. Eugene Hartshorn, both of Lunenburg. Mr. Smith died Oct. 19, 1893. On Sept. 27, 1899 she married A. Lee of Victory; in Dec. 1870 they removed to this place where she has since resided. When she entered the home of Mr. Lee she was the mother of seven of Mr. Lee's children by his first wife and four children by his second wife, the oldest of the second wife's children was eleven and the youngest five.

These children who survive their mother are Mrs. E. W. Parker of India, Arthur Lee of North Dakota, Mrs. Phoebe Cass of Belmont, Wis., Mrs. Lee of Hill, N. H., Mrs. George Fisher of North Dakota, Mrs. Steven Mahood of Pasadena, Cal., Irving Lee of North Concord and Esther Lee, who remained in the home and was a most devoted daughter and very tenderly cared for her mother in her declining years. In December, 1888, she married Levi Howe of this place, who died Feb. 4, 1898. She joined the Methodist church at Lunenburg when young and was always a devoted Christian, attending church when able. Her parents were born in Hardwick, Mass., and came to Lunenburg in 1809 coming on horseback, guided by marked trees, bringing one son six months old with them. They had 12 children. She was the last one of the family and lived to be the oldest.

Funeral service was held in the home Sunday, the remains being taken to Lunenburg for burial beside her husband, Mr. Smith. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the friends, especially the daughter, who is now left alone.

The dam sprung a leak Sunday and the men were obliged to work through the night.

Rev. A. C. Fuller left for Bloomfield last Wednesday and Mrs. Fuller and two children left Thursday. Mr. Fuller visited schools while he was here.

The L. B. Society Calendar invite one and all to come and enjoy an evening of enigmas at James K. Bonett's this evening. Prize will be given for most correct solutions in a given time. Supper served from 5 to 8 o'clock. If Wednesday should prove stormy, supper and entertainment at Methodist church.

Mrs. Emma Howard was called to Chelsea, Mass., by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Helen Stockwell, who is not gaining.

A. Lee of Hill, N. H., was called here Saturday by the death of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Weeks, of St. Louis, Mo., are visiting at Dr. R. T. Johnson's.

GROTON.

A. G. Welch's farm, 115 miles from village; containing 200 acres, sits 35 tons hay; 1000 tree sugar orchard; good house; barns 30x40 and 32x50; is offered for sale by Rickaby & Co., St. Johnsbury, Vt.

The rapid growth of the navy is the plea set up by Rear Admiral Edgerton, chief of the Bureau of yards and docks, to justify the submission of estimates for the maintenance of the navy yards and stations and improvements aggregating \$21,526,359. He admits that these estimates are much beyond the limit supposed probable when the current appropriations were made, but declares that all the works named are considered necessary.

The estimates for New England navy yards are as follows: Portsmouth, N. H., \$1,947,575 (this includes \$500,000 for a new floating drydock); Boston, \$1,570,000; naval coal depot, Rhode Island, \$200,000; naval station, New London, \$51,000.

The Alienation of Men from the Church.

[Abstract of address given at anniversary of general convention, Rutland, June 12, 1901, by Rev. J. H. Reid.]

Attention there is, but it should be borne in mind that alienation is not the same as disbelieve in religion. There are men who believe in Christ but are alienated from the church because they feel that Christ's teaching and life are not reproduced in pulpit and pew. These men feel that church members while religious are unchristian. I am inclined to think that among the industrial classes where most of the alienation exists the cause is moral or disbelieve in the church, rather than intellectual or loss of faith in Christ. A remedy therefore is a return to the christianity of Christ and there is hope of success here from the fact that the common people heard Christ gladly in his day.

This means first of all a compassion for men. Christ not only bore our sins but our sicknesses and healed them. He knew that if a man was sick or was hungry he was more conscious that he had nerves and a stomach than that he had a soul; and that he could not get him to think much about his soul until he had quieted his hunger and relieved his pain. This must be the spirit and attitude of the church. Her help and sympathy must be as broad as human need. Religion cannot thrive when men are hungry, overworked or crowded twenty in a room, and the church will never reach men in a spiritual way so long as she ignores the social question. If the labor movement awakens no interest in the church the church will awaken no interest among working men. So long as the church confines her mission to saving souls, she will find whole classes alienated from her.

On one occasion Jesus had compassion on the multitude because he saw them as sheep scattered abroad having no shepherd. In Christ's eyes the masses were more weak than wicked, not wolves but sheep who under the sway of ignorance and passion had wandered thoughtlessly upon the mountain and become lost in the darkness, and thus while he held them at the Pharisee, his heart of tenderness, "Neither do I condemn thee," he said to the Pharisee who was more stoned against than sinning. The wayward must ever lead towards the church as they would towards a mother; reverence for her purity yet realize that in coming to her they shall find bosom and love. The church mission like that of Christ is not to condemn but to save the world. Then Christ saw the masses without shepherds. Agitators and politicians the people have always had, but shepherds they have seldom had, and the church has sadly failed in the past in her mission of leadership. I do not wish to be unfair to the church, but it is not true that in the struggle of men for better social conditions and reforms the church has seldom taken a leadership and very often been opposed to them.

The history of the Sunday school movement reveals the fact that at first it met with a good deal of opposition from not a few of the leaders in the church. Lord Shaftesbury stood alone in his labor in behalf of women and children working in mines and factories. Notwithstanding the unpopularity of his reform, he says in two instances did any mill owner appear on the platform